

## General Outline of the Home Visit Program for International Students

### **1. Program Goal:**

The purpose of this program is to give international students and Japanese families the chance to get to know one another and one another's culture, and also to help international students avoid feeling alienated during their stay in Yamaguchi.

### **2. How it works:**

A host family welcomes an international student into their home from time to time as a member of the family. Through the student's participation in family life and family events, both sides learn about the other's culture and customs while building friendship and understanding. As a rule, the program only involves home visits. (In other words, the international student does not normally stay overnight in the host family's home.)

In terms of the number/types of meeting, rather than feeling pressured to plan a limited number of elaborate get-togethers, participants should attempt to see each other on a regular basis over a period of time in a manner that is comfortable for both sides.

### **3. Eligibility:**

#### **<Host Families>**

Households living in the Shimonoseki City, Ube City, Yamaguchi City, Hofu City, Shunan City or the neighboring area that possess an interest in helping international students and are able to participate as a whole family.

#### **<International Students>**

International students currently enrolled at a college or a university in Yamaguchi Prefecture

### **4. Pairing & Introductory ceremony:**

- (1) Potential host families and international students are paired in the following manner.
- (2) Consideration is given to preferences, proximity, hobbies, etc. of both parties.
- (3) Once the pairing has been made, participants are informed of their host/guest's name and other relevant information.
- (4) An introductory ceremony will be held as the first meeting. Afterwards, participants may contact each other as they like.

### **5. Duration:**

The designated duration of the program is set at 4 months, but participants are free to continue meeting. After the conclusion of the program, a survey will be conducted to provide an opportunity to express opinions and suggestions.

### **6. Misc.:**

- (1) The Yamaguchi International Exchange Association will not bear any responsibility in the unlikely event of an accident.
- (2) The Yamaguchi International Exchange Association will provide advice should any troubles or problems develop as a result of participation in this program.
- (3) The Yamaguchi International Exchange Association will not bear any responsibility in the event that the other party cancels participation in the home visit program for any urgent or unexpected reason.